

Meeting Log

Subject: Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Date of Meeting: Friday, April 29, 1994

Place: CPSC, Bethesda, Maryland

Log Entry Source: Clarence T. Bishop, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Commission Representatives:

1. Jacqueline Jones-Smith, Commissioner CPSC
2. Clarence T. Bishop, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Non-Commission Representatives:

1. Laurel Blair, Wheatley Blair, Inc., Chicago, IL, Representing First Alert

Summary of Meeting: Ms. Blair asked for the meeting to express concerns regarding an upcoming workshop on carbon monoxide (CO) detectors scheduled for Arlington, Virginia, June 2 and sponsored by the American Gas Association (AGA), Gas Research Institute (GRI), National Association of State Fire Marshals, CPSC, and EPA.

Ms. Blair's main concerns were:

1. Manufacturers (First Alert) found out about the workshop "by accident";
2. There was no planned representation on any of the panels from the medical community; and,

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3. There may be an effort to minimize the need and usefulness of CO detectors as safety products due to nuisance alarms.

Commissioner Jones-Smith urged Ms. Blair to express her concerns to CPSC staff (Elizabeth Leland) directly responsible for the agency's participation, particularly since the workshop was still in its formative stages. (Ms. Blair stated that she did have an appointment with Ms. Leland later that day.) The Commissioner explained she felt the issue of nuisance alarms could be an important issue and was meant to be addressed at the workshop in a positive fashion, not in a way deleterious to CO manufacturers. The Commissioner promised to follow-up Ms. Blair's concerns in discussions with CPSC staff.

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